



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Vega Properties
East Stone Avenue and Rowley Street, Greenville, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 14, 2014.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 14-6284-NRP, will affect approximately 1.13 acres located at 100 and 104 East Stone Avenue, and 36 and 40 Rowley Street in Greenville, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County tax map numbers 0034.00-02-001.00, 0034.00-02-002.00, 0034.00-02-003.00, and 0034.00-02-039.00. Two companies, known as Macon Investment Company Inc. and Augusta Manor LP (Macon-Augusta), want to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Macon-Augusta.

Past uses of the property include a mix of residential and commercial uses including a vehicle service/gasoline station, a car wash, and a rental car service. Some of these past uses and past uses of nearby properties have caused environmental pollution on the property. Currently, the surrounding land use is a mix of residential and commercial uses.

Macon-Augusta intends to develop the property with new buildings for residential and commercial uses. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Macon-Augusta to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property. DHEC will not hold Macon-Augusta responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Macon-Augusta will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Macon-Augusta will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Macon-Augusta did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

Under State law, Macon-Augusta will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 14, 2014. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.